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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – AUGUST 2018 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.77 billion pounds in August, up 3 percent from the 4.63 billion pounds produced in August 2017.

Beef production, at 2.43 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.98 million head, up 1 percent from August 2017. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,344 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.5 million pounds, 2 percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 52,300 head, up 13 percent from August 2017. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from last year, at 215 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.32 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.2 million head, up 5 percent from August 2017. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.4 million pounds, was up 4 percent from August 2017. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,500 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 1 pound from August a year ago.

January to August 2018 commercial red meat production was 35.3 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2017. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was up 1 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 5 percent.

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